

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing bandwidth requirements of a portable image capture device, the image capture device including means for establishing a communications connection on a network, the method comprising:

- (a) assigning an image identifier to a captured image;
- (b) transmitting the image and the image identifier from the image capture device to a server on the network for storage;
- (c) marking the image as sent in the image capture device;
- (d) in response to a user request to perform an action on a selected image from the portable image capture device, determining if the selected image is marked; and
- (e) if the selected image is marked, uploading the image identifier to the server, wherein the server performs the action on the image identified by the image identifier, thereby eliminating the need to retransmit the image.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 further including the step of reducing storage requirements of the image capture device by:

- (f) deleting the image from the image capture device.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 further including the step of reducing storage requirements of the image capture device by:

(f) replacing the image with a reduced image on the image capture device, the reduced image having a size substantially less than the size of the image.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further including the step of storing the image in an image file that includes a high resolution image, a reduced resolution image, and audio, wherein step (f) further includes the step of:

(i) deleting the high resolution image and the audio if audio has been recorded for the image.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein step (f) further includes the step of:

(ii) if the audio has been deleted, then marking an "audio present" tag in the reduced image.

14. (Previously Presented) A system for reducing storage and bandwidth requirements, comprising:

an online photo-sharing service for receiving digital images over a network; and
an image capture device for capturing digital images, the image capture device including,

means for establishing a network connection;
means for assigning an image identifier to each of the digital images;
means for transmitting the digital images and the respective image identifiers from the image capture device to the server for storage;
means for marking the digital image as sent;
means responsive to a user request to perform an action from the image capture device on a selected image for determining if the selected image is marked; and

means responsive to the selected image being marked for uploading the selected image's image identifier and the action to the server, thereby eliminating the need to retransmit the image.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein each of the digital images are stored in the image capture device as an image file, each of the image files including image data, reduced resolution image data, and metadata tags.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein each of the transmitted digital images are replaced with reduced image files on the image capture device by deleting the image data from the image file.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the images files further include an audio clip, the audio clip also being deleted when generating the reduced image files.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17 wherein when the reduced image files are generated, the image capture unit determines whether a maximum number of images files are present, and if the maximum number of images has been reached, then the oldest images are deleted to further increase storage capacity.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein once the server receives the image identifier and the action, the server applies the action to the digital image identified by the image identifier.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the server uses the image identifier to index and store the digital image.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20 wherein if the action requires retrieving the stored image, the server uses the image identifier sent with the action to retrieve the stored image.

Claims 22-32 (Canceled).